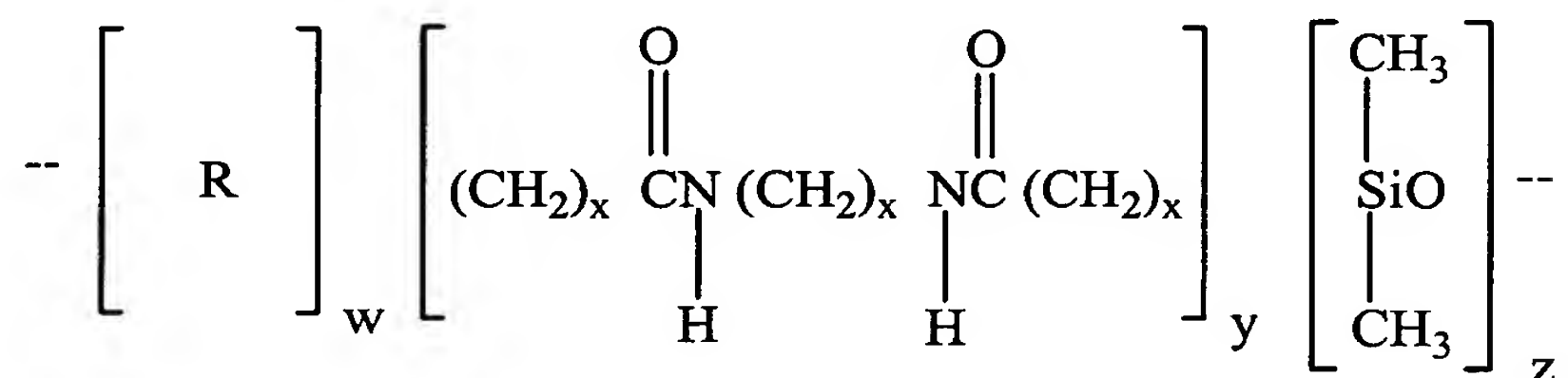


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

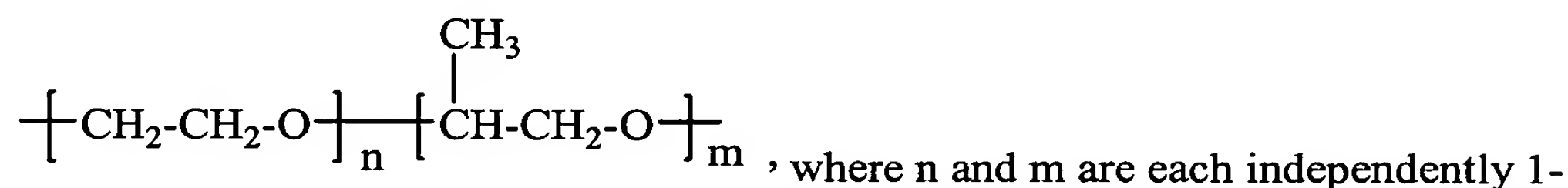
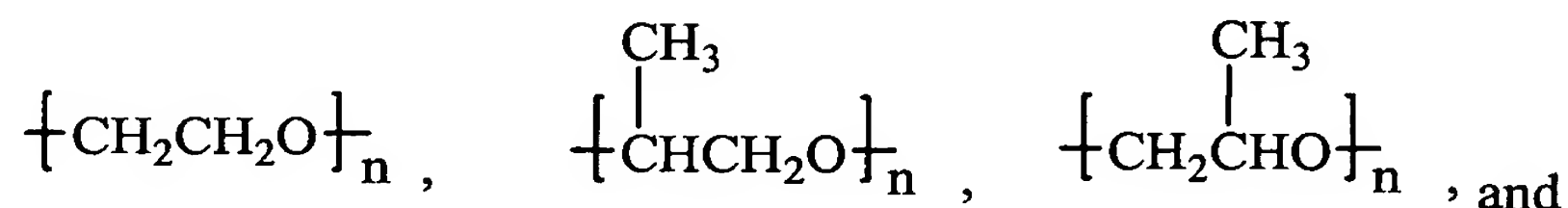
1-2. (Canceled).

3. (Original): A copolymer comprising the chemical formula:



where R is an oxyalkylene group, x is 1-40, and each of w, y and z is 1-200.

4. (Original): The copolymer according to Claim 3, wherein the oxyalkylene group is selected from the group consisting of polyoxyalkylene groups of the formulae



100.

5-9. (Canceled).

10. (Original): A composition comprising the copolymer of Claim 3.

11. (Original): The composition of claim 10, wherein said composition further comprises a physiologically acceptable medium.

12. (Original): The composition of claim 10, further comprising water.

13-17. (Canceled).

18. (Original): The composition of claim 10, wherein said composition is in the form of an emulsion.

19. (Original): The composition of claim 12, wherein said composition is in the form of an emulsion.

20-21. (Canceled).

22. (New) The copolymer of claim 3, wherein w is from 1-100.

23. (New): The copolymer of claim 3, wherein w is from 1-40.

24. (New): The copolymer of claim 3, wherein w is from 10-100.

25. (New): The copolymer of claim 3, wherein w is from 10-40.

26. (New): The copolymer of claim 3, wherein w is from 10-30.

27. (New): A composition comprising the copolymer of Claim 22.

28. (New): A composition comprising the copolymer of Claim 23.

29. (New): A composition comprising the copolymer of Claim 25.

30. (New): A composition comprising the copolymer of Claim 26.

31. (New): The composition of claim 27, wherein said composition is in the form of an emulsion.

32. (New): The composition of claim 28, wherein said composition is in the form of an emulsion.

33. (New): The composition of claim 29, wherein said composition is in the form of an emulsion.

34. (New): The composition of claim 30, wherein said composition is in the form of an emulsion.